

Memo from

To:

Dr Selikoff

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Thank you for thinking of me about this program; but I don't see when in the foreseeable future I could lay it on.

However.... as a kind of raincheck, could you give me particulars (i.e. an example) of how your S.I.R. has functioned, and the sample of scholars that has participated?

One problem is that my own interests have become so diversified that it is hard to see a group of young specialists "in my own field" getting much benefit from this kind of interaction.

Perhaps in a year or two I might be more willin to conduct such a program in a much less specialized atmosphere, and relating to questions on the interface of science and society rather than to a scientific specialty. For example, I am sure many young molecular biologists are troubled perhaps unduly by questions like "genetic engineering. But I have several lines of work in progress right now, both in the lab and more reflectively that I would want to complete before this particular kind of exercise.

Sincerely,



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